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1. Papers enclosed

- A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:
 - 53 Page(s) of Specification
 - 5 Page(s) of Claims
 - 1 Page(s) of Abstract
 - 33 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1(a)-42(c))
- **B.** Other Papers Enclosed
 - [x] A Patent Application Bibliographic Data
 - [] A Preliminary Amendment
 - [x] A combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
 - [x] A Claim for Priority and certified copies of:

Japanese Application 2000-373594 filed December 7, 2000 and Japanese Application 2001-275807 filed September 11, 2001

- [] An Information Disclosure Statement
- [] PTO Form-1449
- [x] An Assignment Transmittal and Assignment of the invention to:

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